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Completed applications must be received by February 1, 2012

Fellowship Benefits

Benefits include U.S. Department of State sponsorship and funding, professional placement coordination, a housing and living stipend, academic project allowances, health/accident insurance coverage, and international travel expenses. Fellows will participate in a pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC.

Selection Process

Fulbright Public Policy Fellows are chosen based on a rigorous, multi-tiered, merit-based process, including review by a selection committee, an interview, a review by the U.S. Embassy and/or Fulbright Commission, selection by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, and the approval of the host country government.

Preference in selection will be given to candidates with fluency in the host country working language; a deep knowledge of the host country's history and culture; advanced communication skills; and a strong commitment to public service, along with the versatility, resourcefulness, and creativity required to excel in the professional placement.

Eligibility Criteria

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship candidates must be a U.S. citizen; have completed a master's degree or J.D. by spring 2012 or be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in applicable fields; and have two years of full-time, professional work experience in policy-related fields.

Professional Assignments

Fulbright Public Policy Fellows will serve in positions in foreign governments supporting senior level officials, while also pursuing a related academic project. U.S. Embassies, Fulbright Commissions, and host governments will coordinate appropriate professional placements, which may include, but are not limited to, the ministries of health, education, finance, agriculture, or justice. Fellows may be responsible for a range of activities including policy and budget development and analysis, program monitoring and evaluation, drafting speeches and correspondence, record keeping and note taking, and general project management. Fellows will have the opportunity to use their skills, such as subject area expertise, to support the achievement of host institution goals.



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